# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

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ISSUING OF APPRAISAL NOTES
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that outer limit of time for giving management advice by the Project Appraisal and Management Division (PAMD) of his Ministry has been fixed at 4 weeks since September, 1997 ;

(b) if so, the total number of proposals cleared with proposal notes since then ; (

(c) whether it is also a fact that in recent past, the appraisal notes in some proposals were delayed beyond the stipulated period of four weeks ;

(d) if so, the details thereof and main reasons for delay ; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by his Ministry to ensure that appraisal notes are issued within time limit for different proposals sent by Ministries / Department ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The total number of appraisal notes issued since 1.10.1997 up to 30.06.2001, is 696.

(c ) : Yes, Sir. But, this has not delayed the processing of EFC / PIB cases for obtaining approval. As per the existing guidelines on the subject, Ministries are free to hold EFC/PIB Meetings immediately after the 4 weeks period is over and PAMD would, in such cases, provide management advice / appraisal note in the EFC/PIB Meeting itself.

(d) : The pendency position of the proposals received for appraisal is reviewed every week; and at the end of the month a report of proposals pending beyond 4 weeks, as on the last day of the preceding month, is prepared and submitted as monthly progress report of the Division. Out of 696 proposals appraised during the period 1.10.97 to 30.06.2001, 51 proposals (7 %) were delayed beyond 4 weeks time. Main reasons for this delay were as follows :

- bunching of the proposals sent by Ministries / Department in big lots,
- shortage of staff in the Division,
- pre-occupation of subject matter Divisions in Planning Commission with other work of urgent nature.
- complicated nature of some of the projects, particularly, where linked projects are involved, and
- integrated operations involving other units / undertakings.

(e): Ministries / Departments have been again advised in May, 2001, to send the proposals to PAMD as and when they are ready instead of sending them in bunches and not to press for issuance of appraisal notes in a day or two from the date of receipt of EFC/PIB/EBR Memo, as it delays the appraisal of projects already in the pipeline.

All Principal Advisers / Advisers / Heads of Divisions, in Planning Commission have been requested in May, 2001, to strictly adhere to the time limits prescribed while processing the proposals / projects for issuance of appraisal notes.

From June 2001 onwards, pendency beyond 4 weeks has been brought down to Nil. Planning Commission would, barring unforeseen circumstances, adhere to the stipulated period of 4 weeks for issue of appraisal notes.